

## BRADLEY'S GUN

By time I was 10  
I loved guns &  
had several cast  
iron cap guns, a  
Red Ryder BB gun  
& a .30-06 training  
rifle. But my  
favorite was a  
stubby revolver a  
friend's dad had  
carved out of a  
thick piece of pine bark.  
Fragile & unorthodox  
as it was, it  
stimulated my  
imagination &  
I tried to trade  
many a loved  
toy to own it.

## SEPARATION

He loaded his blue  
38 with snap-caps  
& handed it to  
his wife. She dry  
fired it many  
times, both single  
& double action.  
Then he reloaded  
the revolver with  
live rounds & told  
her to use it  
if she had to.  
She wouldn't use  
it he knew, but  
he felt less  
guilty leaving her  
with a choice.